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Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 37

**Introduced by Assembly Member Arambula Lieu
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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 37—Relative to the ~~Hmong~~
~~community~~ *Santa Monica General Aviation Airport.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 37, as amended, ~~Arambula Lieu. Hmong community. Santa Monica General Aviation Airport.~~

This measure would respectfully memorialize the Federal Aviation Administration to engage in a collaborative process to review flight operations at the Santa Monica General Aviation Airport, and the role that the airport plays in the regional transportation system.

~~This measure would commend the President of the United States and the United States Congress for protecting the rights of Hmong refugees to pursue full citizenship in this country and for amending the federal USA Patriot Act and federal Real ID Act to redefine terrorist organizations, terrorists, and those providing material support to terrorists to exclude groups, such as the Hmong, who contributed and supported the United States during the Vietnam War and who pose no threat to national security.~~

Fiscal committee: no.

1 *WHEREAS, The Santa Monica General Aviation Airport (SMO)*
2 *is situated on the border separating the Cities of Santa Monica*
3 *and Los Angeles; and*

4 *WHEREAS, SMO is one of the most residentially encroached*
5 *airports in the entire nation; and*

6 *WHEREAS, Jet operations at SMO have increased from less*
7 *than 2,000 in 1983 to more than 18,500 this year; and*

8 *WHEREAS, Flight operations at SMO are often hindered or*
9 *delayed by the proximity of the airport to the Los Angeles*
10 *International Airport; and*

11 *WHEREAS, The safety of the residents who live in proximity to*
12 *the airport, both in Santa Monica and Los Angeles, is a prime*
13 *concern of the officials who represent the area at the various levels*
14 *of government; and*

15 *WHEREAS, The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has*
16 *primary jurisdiction over all aspects of air travel in the United*
17 *States; and*

18 *WHEREAS, The FAA is currently reviewing the safety of flight*
19 *operations at SMO; now, therefore, be it*

20 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
21 *California, jointly, That the Legislature respectfully memorializes*
22 *the FAA to engage in a collaborative process to review flight*
23 *operations at SMO, and the role that SMO plays in the regional*
24 *transportation system; and be it further*

25 *Resolved, That the Legislature encourages the FAA to engage*
26 *in an open and transparent process that includes input from the*
27 *Cities of Santa Monica and Los Angeles, appropriate local and*
28 *state elected officials, and affected community organizations; and*
29 *be it further*

30 *Resolved, That the Legislature encourages the FAA to honor*
31 *the decision of the City of Santa Monica to increase safety*
32 *precautions at SMO and restrict the use of class C and D aircrafts*
33 *at SMO; and be it further*

34 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*
35 *of this resolution to the Administrator of the FAA, to the United*
36 *States Secretary of Transportation, and to each Senator and*
37 *Representative from California in the Congress of the United*
38 *States.*

1 WHEREAS, ~~The Hmong community deserves to be recognized~~
2 ~~for its valuable contributions to the cultural, civic, and economic~~
3 ~~well-being of California and the United States; and~~

4 WHEREAS, ~~Throughout the United States' involvement in~~
5 ~~Southeast Asia and the Vietnam War, the Hmong people were~~
6 ~~stalwart allies of the United States in the struggle against the spread~~
7 ~~of communism; and~~

8 WHEREAS, ~~During the Vietnam War, the Hmong people were~~
9 ~~actively recruited and trained by the United States Central~~
10 ~~Intelligence Agency to take up arms against the communist regime~~
11 ~~in support of the United States' national security objectives; and~~

12 WHEREAS, ~~During the Vietnam War thousands of Hmong~~
13 ~~men, women, and children died while supporting the United States'~~
14 ~~effort to contain the spread of communism; and~~

15 WHEREAS, ~~After the end of the United States' military~~
16 ~~involvement in the Vietnam War in 1975, the Hmong people faced~~
17 ~~life-threatening hardship and oppression, forcing hundreds of~~
18 ~~thousands of Hmong to leave their homes as refugees; and~~

19 WHEREAS, ~~The international Hmong community is now spread~~
20 ~~around the world, including the United States where the Hmong~~
21 ~~have significant communities in California, Minnesota, and~~
22 ~~Wisconsin; and~~

23 WHEREAS, ~~California has benefited immensely from the~~
24 ~~cultural richness, industriousness, and patriotism of the Hmong~~
25 ~~community, including contributions from a growing group of~~
26 ~~economic, political, and civic leaders; and~~

27 WHEREAS, ~~The USA Patriot Act (Public Law 107-56) and the~~
28 ~~federal Real ID Act (Public Law 109-13) had unintended~~
29 ~~consequences that labeled many refugees, including Hmong groups~~
30 ~~that fought alongside the United States in self-defense against~~
31 ~~authoritarian regimes, as "terrorists" and "terrorist groups"; now,~~
32 ~~therefore, be it~~

33 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
34 *California, jointly,* ~~That the Legislature of the State of California~~
35 ~~hereby commends the President of the United States and the United~~
36 ~~States Congress for protecting the rights of Hmong refugees to~~
37 ~~pursue full citizenship in this country; and be it further~~

38 *Resolved,* ~~That the California State Legislature further~~
39 ~~commends the President of the United States and the United States~~
40 ~~Congress for amending the USA Patriot Act and the Real ID Act~~

1 in H.R. 2764, which was recently passed and signed into law, to
2 redefine terrorist organizations, terrorists, and those providing
3 material support to terrorists to exclude groups, such as the Hmong,
4 who contributed and supported the United States during the
5 Vietnam War and who pose no threat to national security; and be
6 it further

7 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
8 of this resolution to the President of the United States and to each
9 Senator and Representative in the United States Congress.